

TABLE 45. Median basic annual salary for doctorate recipients with definite postgraduation plans for employment in the U.S., by field of study and employment sector: 2009
(Dollars)

Field of study	Employment sector				
	Academe	Industry/ business ^a	Government	Nonprofit	Other/ unknown ^b
All fields	55,000	85,000	75,000	65,000	75,000
Science and engineering	55,000	85,000	75,000	75,000	65,000
Life sciences	55,000	85,000	75,000	75,000	65,000
Agricultural sciences	60,000	75,000	65,000	D	D
Biological sciences	45,000	85,000	65,000	65,000	45,000
Health sciences	65,000	95,000	85,000	85,000	75,000
Physical sciences	55,000	95,000	75,000	95,000	55,000
Chemistry	45,000	85,000	65,000	D	D
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	55,000	95,000	75,000	D	D
Mathematics and computer sciences	65,000	95,000	85,000	95,000	D
Physics and astronomy	55,000	85,000	90,000	D	D
Social sciences and psychology	55,000	75,000	75,000	65,000	65,000
Economics	75,000	105,000	95,000	85,000	95,000
Psychology	55,000	65,000	65,000	55,000	65,000
Social sciences ^c	55,000	75,000	75,000	65,000	65,000
Engineering	75,000	85,000	85,000	95,000	D
Non-science and engineering	55,000	85,000	75,000	65,000	75,000
Education	55,000	85,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Humanities	45,000	55,000	65,000	55,000	45,000
Business management/administration	105,000	105,000	D	D	D
Other non-S&E fields ^d	55,000	75,000	85,000	55,000	55,000

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a Includes doctorate recipients who indicated self-employment.

^b "Other" is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.

^c Excludes economics.

^d Excludes business management/administration.

SOURCE: NSF/NIH/USED/NEH/USDA/NASA, 2009 Survey of Earned Doctorates.